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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminarily to the continued examination of this application, please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record.

Please delete claims 16 to 19 and add claims 20 to 33.

20. A process to prepare pharmaceutical tablets containing paroxetine, on a commercial scale, which process comprises the steps of:

- a) dry admixing paroxetine and dry excipients in a mixer to form a mixture; or
- b) dry admixing paroxetine and dry excipients, compressing the resulting combination into a slug material or roller compacting the resulting combination into a strand material, and milling the prepared material into a free flowing mixture; and
- c) compressing the mixture into tablets;

provided that the excipients include at least one of; sodium starch glycollate, dicalcium phosphate and magnesium stearate.